THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Oil been discovered at Gandhar in Combay Basin.

(b) and (c) The field is still in the assessment stage.

(d) The following discoveries of oil were made by ONGC during the last two years:

—Gandhar, South Mewad, Dahej, Limbodra, Pakhajan in Gujarat.

—Kuargaon and Changmaigaon in Assam.

—Narimanam in Tamil Nadu.

—B-178, D-18, KD1, B-172 in West Coast offshore.

Production of crude oil

880. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of crude oil during 1985 as compared to 1984;

(b) what is the import of crude oil in 1985 as compared to 1984 along with the amount of import; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the production and to reduce the import during the next two years and what is the expected saving in foreign exchange thereby during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is as under:—

	1984	1985*
Indigenous production of crude oil (Million Tonnes)	27·9	29·9
Gross imports of crude oil (Million Tonnes)	14·6	14·8
Value of grooss imports of crude in crores	3525·15	3805·74

*Provisional

(c) Some of the steps proposed to increase the production of crude oil and move towards self-sufficiency are:—

(i) Intensification of exploration which may eventually lead to enhanced production.

(ii) Intensification of work-over operations.

(iii) Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques.

(iv) Induction of advanced technology.

(v) Conservation measures aimed to curb consumption.

It is not possible to reliably quantity the saving of foreign exchange in the next two years due to the above.

Production of LPG

881. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production of LPG in 1985 as compared to 1984;